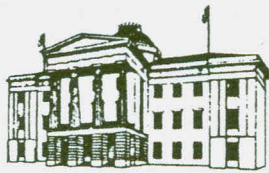


# State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE  
GOVERNOR

## PAIN AWARENESS MONTH

2011

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, physical pain affects tens of millions of Americans, and almost 2.5 million of those afflicted live in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, untreated and inadequately treated pain can affect quality of life by diminishing the ability to function, socialize and be productive; and

WHEREAS, limited access to trained specialists and prescribed pain treatments, along with negative stereotypes and perceptions, confines effective pain care; and

WHEREAS, each year, pain costs our economy millions in lost wages and reduced productivity; and

WHEREAS, improved pain management education and an effective multi-disciplinary treatment approach can help reduce suffering and remove barriers to pain-free living; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins the North Carolina Chapter of the American Pain Foundation Action Network and other interested agencies and organizations in promoting awareness about people living with pain, and increasing knowledge and access to appropriate treatments;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2011, as **"PAIN AWARENESS MONTH"** in North Carolina and commend its observance to all citizens.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Beverly Eaves Perdue".

BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this eleventh day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-sixth.